

February 2012



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | 1 | 2 Homeschool Day 10:00am-12:00pm *Grades K-4 1:30pm- 3:30pm * Grades 5-12 \$3/student RSVP AUDUBON LECTURE Art of Falconing—7pm free | 3 | 4 <i>Hike—9am—FREE</i> Brown Bag Lecture A Look at the Indian River Lagoon's Past in Determining its Future 12:00Noon * FREE |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 Swamp Tales 3:45pm * 3- 6 years old FREE | 10 | 11 <i>Hike—9am—FREE</i> Nature for Families Fish Faces 10:30am \$4 per person *RSVP |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 The Natives 3:45pm * All Ages FREE | 17 Treehouse Time 9:30am * 3 to 5 year olds FREE | 18 <i>Hike—9am—FREE</i> Art Class Batik 10:00am-12:00pm *Adults 1:30 pm- 3:30 * Kids 8 and up \$20/person RSVP |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 Look for our booth at the St. Lucie County Fair February 24th through March 5th | 25 <i>Hike—9am—FREE</i> |
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FEBRUARY IS FANTASTIC FISH MONTH

Visit the center for some free fun activities and check out our wet fish exhibit. The **Oxbow Eco-Center** is open Tuesday through Friday from 12-5pm and Saturday from 10am-5pm. The trails are open daily from dawn until dusk.

Guided Hikes — Every Saturday at 9:00 am — FREE no RSVP needed. — Enjoy a guided hike with one of Oxbow volunteer naturalists.

Homeschool Day “Mystery of the Missing Prickly Pear Hike” — February 2nd at 10:00 am -12:00 pm; Grades K-4; 1:30 pm– 3:30 pm Grades 5-12. Students will be hiking through the woods to learn about ecological concepts from the perspective of the gopher tortoise. Topics include predator prey relationships, food webs, life cycles of plants and insects and animal classifications. \$3 per participant. RSVP a must.

St. Lucie Audubon Society Lecture—the Art of Falconing — February 2 at 7pm. Join the Audubon Society for an amazing lecture on Falconing by Adam Grayson.

“A Look at the Indian River’s Past in Determining its Future” Lecture — February 4th at 12:00 pm. Dr. R. Grant Gilmore presents an historic perspective of the Indian River Lagoon including details of phytoplankton, plants, insects and birds from 30 year interdisciplinary research project that began in the 1930s. Gilmore will lead a practical discussion on what can be done to restore and protect the Lagoon’s amazing biodiversity.

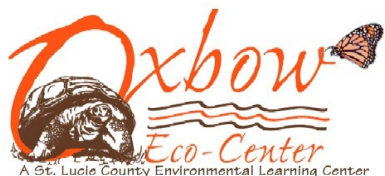
Swamp Tales— February 9th at 3:45 pm. Join us for a “novel” adventure with Miss Kitty, as she reads *What is a Fish*. Participants will learn how creatures as different as the great white shark and tiny minnow both belong to the same class of animals, and why eels and seahorses are considered fish, but whales and dolphins are not. This free storytime is appropriate for ages 3 to 6.

Nature for Families “Fish Faces”— February 11th at 10:30 am. Have you noticed that fish have many different faces? From the shark to the puffer fish each face is designed for a purpose. Venture into the deep waters to learn about the different adaptations of fish. Appropriate for ages 6 and up; **\$4 per participant.** RSVP a must.

Oxbow’s Natives “Ogie the Opossum Pipefish”— February 16th at 3:45 pm. Take a ride from the St. Lucie River to the Sargasso Sea and back with Ogie the Opossum Pipefish, and learn what a great adventure it is! This is a free program for ages 5 and up.

Treehouse Time — February 17th at 9:30 am. Toddlers will go on an imaginary canoe trip down the St. Lucie River and try a fun fish chorus. This is a free program appropriate for ages 3 to 5 with an adult.

Art Class “Batik”— February 18th ; Adult session 10 am –12 pm, Kids session (ages 8 –15) 1:30 pm– 3:30pm. Treasure Coast Art Association teams up with Oxbow to present this fun, nature-inspired art class. Participants will learn the ancient art of batik, a method of dyeing a fabric by which the parts of the fabric not intended to be dyed are covered with removable wax. \$20 per participant (which includes ALL supplies). RSVP a must.



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5400 NE St. James Drive, Port St. Lucie, FL 34983
Center Hours: Tuesday—Friday 12:00 noon to 5:00 pm; Saturday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
(Trails are open dawn to dusk daily)

